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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0468

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, SHUM, SF
SUBJ: DEVELOPMENTS IN ARREST OF STEVE BIKO

REF: (A) STATE 066820; (B) CAPE TOWN 0448, 0454, 0459

1. I MET WITH DFA SECRETARY BRAND FOURIE THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS DIFFICULTIES WE WERE ENCOUNTERING WITH TRAVEL DOCUMENTS FOR IV GRANTEES AND TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO BRING UP STEVE BIKO ARREST. I TOLD HIM BIKO HAD BEEN DETAINED LAST WEEK ON CHARGES THAT WERE NOT CLEAR. I NOTED THAT BIKO IS WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND PEOPLE IN US FAMILIAR WITH SOUTH AFRICAN AFFAIRS. I DID NOT RAISE IV GRANTEE ASPECT SINCE WE RECEIVED LETTER FROM BIKO YESTERDAY TURNING DOWN GRANT BECAUSE OF DISAGREEMENT WITH US POLICY (SEE PARA 2 BELOW). IN RESPONSE FOURIE TOOK NOTE OF BIKO'S NAME AND REFERRED TO INDEPENDENCE OF COURTS, MENTIONING SPECIFICALLY RECENT JUDICIAL REVIEW OF CASE OF SWAPO DETAINEES WHO WERE RELEASED BY APPEALS COURT AFTER BEING SENTENCED TO DEATH. APPROACH TO FOURIE SERVED PURPOSE OF LETTING
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SAG KNOW OF OUR INTERST IN KIO CASE.

2. TEX OF LETTER FROM BKKO TURNING DOWN IV GRANT READ AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE: DE MR. BOWDLER,
QUOTE MANY THANKS FOR THE INVITATION TO VISIT YOUR COUNTRY AS AN "INTERNATIONAL VISITOR" EXTEND TO ME BY

YOU ON BEHALF OF YOUR GOVERNMENT.

QUOTE FOLLOWING MY INITIAL TELEPHONE CONVERSATION
WITH MR. DONALD (SIC) I HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS
THE MATTER EXTENSIVELY WITH COLLEAGUES (SIC) OF MINE IN
THE BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS MOVEMENT AND HAVE COME TO THE
CONCLUSION THAT IT WILL NOT BE IN OUR INTEREST FOR ME
TO ACCEPT THE INVITATION.

QUOTE I WILL NOT AT THIS TAGE GO INTO THE REASONS
BEHIND THIS DECISION. LET IT SUFFICE TO SAY THAT AT THE
HEART OF IT IS OUR ATTITUDE TO THE US POLICY ON SOUTHERN
AFRICA.

YOUR FAITHFULLY,
B.S. KIBO UNQUOTE

3. BIKO TOLD EMOFFS IN JANUARY THAT HE WAS INVOLVED
IN TRYING TO FOREGO ALLIANCE AMONG VARIOUS BLACK DISSIDENT
GROUPS IN SOUTH AFRICA, AND SA SUCH IT MIGHT PROVE
INAPPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO ACCEPT GRANT AT THIS TIME SINCE
IT COULD PREJUDICE HIS POSTION (CAPE TOWN A-05). BOWDLER

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